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Subject: FBIS-BBC Coverage Coordination
Meeting

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Dear []

[] returned 29 June from Caversham where he was the Bureau representative at the semiannual FBIS-BBC coverage coordination meeting. 25X1
The visit was profitable although he personally had bad luck as he was forced to spend three days in bed with an attack of the flu. Art reports that the meeting went off well in the usual congenial atmosphere of those of the past.

I am writing this letter mainly to call attention to two points of the attached report of the meeting: No. 2 Ankara Home Service Coverage, and No. 8. Greek Coverage.

Two or three weeks before the meeting the Bureau had requested BBC to take over coverage of Free Greece with the possible exception of the Fighter's Seminar programs because the Athens-to-Cyprus broadcasts had so increased in volume that the Bureau Greek Section found itself unable to cope adequately with its commitments.

A little later the Bureau suggested as an item for the agenda of the meeting that transfer of coverage of the Turkish Home Service from BBC to the Bureau be discussed. It was possible to make this offer at this time as the Turki-language broadcasts have been found to require less than full time of all the monitors engaged in this coverage.

When BBC still later sent a message saying that it was unable to help with Greek coverage, the Bureau began using a Greek-qualified Turkish monitor to help, and BBC was told that the Bureau had to withdraw its offer concerning Turkish coverage.

At the discussions preceding the meeting Art found that a BBC Turkish monitor had recently resigned. In order that it would not have to find a replacement, BBC agreed to allow FBIS to assume Ankara Home Service coverage. It also agreed to take over Free Greece coverage with the exception of the Fighter's Seminar. This seems to be a satisfactory solution to both problems for the time being.

Other matters were of more routine nature and, I believe, are fully explained in the minutes of the meeting.

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Sincerely,

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